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SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT OF THE CAP

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1. WE DISCUSSED EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON IMPROVEMENT OF CAP WITH FONMIN OFFICIAL WHO FOLLOWS EC AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS (VIERENS). VIERENS HAD DONE PESSIMISTIC ANALYSIS OF COMMISSION PROPOSALS, CONCLUDING THAT SIMPLIFICATION OF CAP MEASURES AND PROCEDURES IS MOST UNLIKELY (GIVEN PAINFUL NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH WHICH THEY WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHED), THAT CUTTING COST OF FEOGA IS PURE

WISHFUL THINKING AND THAT ABOLITION OF COMPENSATORY BORDER TAXES (BY 1978, TO COINCIDE WITH PROBLEMATIC MONETARY UNION) WOULD ONLY CREATE NEW PROBLEMS, SINCE BASIC PROBLEM WOULD REMAIN.

2. HE BELIEVED THAT NO DECISION WILL BE TAKEN ON SUGAR IMPASSE UNTIL COMMISSION SUPPORT PRICE PROPOSALS ARE ALSO DECIDED; I.E., THAT SUGAR DECISION WILL BE PART OF PACKAGE REACHED AT LAST MOMENT DURING LATE MARCH MARATHON COUNCIL MEETING (SEASON FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS BEGINS APRIL 1). VIERENS REPORTED THAT FRENCH REQUEST FOR URGENT MEETING ON MEAT PRICES HAS RAISED MANY EYEBROWS, ESPECIALLY GERMAN, SINCE IT IS FIRST TIME IN COMMUNITY HISTORY THAT GOVERNMENT NOT HOLDING COUNCIL PRESIDENCY HAS REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING. OTHER COUNTRIES SUSPECT THAT FRENCH WANT TO HAVE MEAT PRICES RAISED BEFORE AGRICULTURAL PACKAGE IS PUT TOGETHER. VIERENS DOUBTED THAT FRENCH WOULD SUCCEED IN EFFORT TO RAISE MEAT PRICES, SINCE MOST EC COUNTRIES LIKELY TO OPPOSE. STRAUSS-HUPE

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